



# *Alabama*

## *Board for Registration of Architects*

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May 22, 2003  
District Nomination  
and Board Meeting  
Montgomery,

July 27, 2003  
Board Meeting  
Orange Beach

### **BOARD MEMBERS:**

Joseph L. Bynum  
Edward L. Faddis  
Marzette Fisher  
William W. Herrin, Jr.  
Renis O. Jones, Jr.  
Jim H. Seay, Jr.

### **STAFF:**

Cindy Gainey, Admin.  
Janet Wells, Assistant

### **SPRING 2003 NEWSLETTER**

### **NEW BOARD MEMBERS APPOINTED**

On December 9, 2002, former Governor Siegelman appointed new Board members to fill two expiring terms.

**Joseph L. Bynum** was appointed to fill the term formerly occupied by Everett Hatcher. Joe is Managing Principal of TRO/The Ritchie Organization in Birmingham. He graduated from Auburn University in 1973 with both a Bachelors of Architecture and Bachelor of Building Construction. Joe serves in various capacities on numerous professional and civic organizations. Joe's term will expire December 14, 2006.

**Jim H. Seay, Jr.**, was appointed to fill the term formerly occupied by Frank E. Litchfield, III. Jim is Principal of Seay, Seay and Litchfield Architects in Montgomery. He graduated from Auburn University in 1974 with a Bachelors of Architecture. Jim received the President's Award from the Alabama Council AIA in 1999 and has served as the State Coordinator for the AIA/NCARB Intern Development Program for 18 years. Jim's father, Jim H. Seay, Sr., served as Secretary of the Board for almost 20 years. Jim's term will expire January 2, 2007.

**CONGRATULATIONS** and welcome to the Board!

## **INCIDENTAL PRACTICE**

Cases frequently come before the Board involving incidental practice of engineering by architects. Likewise, the State Board for Licensure of Professional Engineers reviews cases where engineers practice outside their area of expertise. This practice involves an understanding of the law, specific expertise, and judgment on the part of an architect. This is not a casual matter.

Regarding the law, The Registration Act §34-2-32d. states:

*Nothing in this chapter shall prevent registered professional engineers or their employees or subordinates under their supervision and control from performing architectural services incidental to their engineering practice. Nothing in this chapter shall prevent registered architects or their employees or subordinates under their supervising control from performing engineering incidental to their architectural practice.*

Under the Code for Professional Conduct, paragraph 1.3 states:

*An architect shall undertake to perform professional services only when he or she, together with those whom the architect may engage as consultants, are qualified by education, training, and experience in the specific technical areas involved.*

Architects must understand and properly apply the law under which their practice is governed. If you have questions, direct them to the Board Administrator for referral to a Board member.

The Board is interested in applying the law uniformly in its duty to protect the public. "Incidental practice" is difficult to clearly define. The Board will continue to work on a clearer understanding and application of this practice.

## **BOARD DONATES TO AUBURN UNIVERSITY DEPARTMENT OF ARCHITECTURE**

For the second consecutive year, the Board presented a check to the Department of Architecture at Auburn University to be used to advance the health, safety, and welfare of the public through education of students, interns, and architects. Daniel D. Bennett, FAIA, Dean of Auburn's College of Architecture, Design and Construction submitted a proposal to the Board, and \$18,000 was donated on November 20, 2002, to meet the objectives outlined in the proposal. Grant recipients are required to submit a written report outlining how the donation was spent to advance the health, safety, and welfare of the public. The deadline for submittal of the report is June 30, 2003.

## **DISCIPLINARY ACTIONS**

**G. DEWAYNE MOBLEY, JR.** (#2469), Birmingham, Alabama, signed a settlement agreement and order on August 16, 2002. Mobley practiced architecture without an active Alabama registration. He paid a \$1,500 administrative assessment and will serve one year of Board-supervised probation.

**STEPHEN A. MOUZON** (#3245), Huntsville, Alabama, signed a settlement agreement on January 30, 2003. Mouzon practiced outside his area of competence, as he designed and sealed structural engineering drawings not “incidental” to the practice of architecture. Mouzon was suspended for six months beginning March 18, 2003 and will serve three years probation (to run concurrently with the suspension). Mouzon must provide a written plan for continuity of service to his clients and provide the Board with copies of all written contracts for architectural services and structural engineering services. Mouzon must hire a licensed structural engineer to review construction documents for certain projects, visit sites, and review the structure for adequacy for its intended use.

**JAMES I. BARGANIER** (#1484), Montgomery, Alabama, signed a settlement agreement and order on February 14, 2003. Barganier practiced architecture after his registration had lapsed. He paid a \$500 administrative assessment covering the Board’s expenses. Barganier’s registration has been reinstated.

## **ARCHITECT REGISTRATION EXAM (A.R.E.) PASS RATES FOR 2002**

<u>Division</u>	<u>Alabama</u>	<u>Regional</u>	<u>National</u>
Pre-Design	78%	75%	77%
General Structures	77%	73%	77%
Lateral Forces	100%	91%	93%
Mechanical & Electrical Systems	91%	72%	74%
Materials & Methods	82%	88%	88%
Construction Documents & Services	92%	86%	86%
Site Planning	57%	66%	68%
Building Planning	62%	68%	68%
Building Technology	65%	67%	67%

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## CONGRATULATIONS!

The following individuals passed the Architects Registration Exam since publication of our last newsletter:

David A. Blackmon, Birmingham, Alabama  
Larry Burdette – Birmingham, Alabama  
Michael S. Calma – Birmingham, Alabama  
William M. Furlow – Hoover, Alabama  
Angela J. Hall – Dothan, Alabama  
Mark Baker Hammond – Daphne, Alabama  
Peter C. Phelps – Homewood, Alabama  
Leigh C. Saye, Daphne, Alabama  
Todd F. Stewart, Bay Minette, Alabama



### **QUOTABLE QUOTE:**

Experience is that marvelous thing that enables you to recognize a mistake when you make it again.

--Franklin P. Jones